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PHARMACY ALERT!

ATTENTION: MEDICARE PART B BILLING PERSONNEL

Change in Processing Rules for Part B Prescription Drug Claims

EDS will no longer process Medicare Part B crossover claims through the medical benefit. Part B prescription drug claims should be processed through MedMetrics Pharmacy claims processing system only.

Processing rules for Medicare Part B prescription drug claims with NDC's:

- Submit Medicare Part B covered drugs to the Part B carrier.
- Submit the coinsurance amount to MedMetrics in the "Patient Paid Amount" field (433-DX) as you are doing for Part D claims.
- Complete the COB segment including submitting the amount paid by Part B in the "Other Payer Amount Paid" field (431-DV).

Claim segment and field requirements are detailed in the Consolidated Payer Specification Sheet available on the OVHA website at <http://ovha.vermont.gov/for-providers>.

Please Note: When a beneficiary is covered by both Medicare B and D, drug claims must be processed by the appropriate insurer prior to submitting any balances to MedMetrics. OVHA will closely monitor this process.

If you have questions about this change, please contact the OVHA Pharmacy Unit at (802) 879-5900.